

REMARKS

This Reply to Final Office Action is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on August 15, 2006. Claims 1-19 and 21-24 are pending in the present application. Applicants have amended claims 1, 11 and 23. Accordingly, claims 1-19 and 21-24 are still pending.

With this Reply, Applicants submit a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, making Applicants' Reply due on or before February 15, 2007. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Thiede, et al.* (U.S. 3,006,498). The Examiner also rejected claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19, 20 and 23 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Hansson* (U.S. 5,568,362) and under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson*. The Examiner further rejected claims 2 and 12 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson* in view of *Ehrenfels*. The Examiner also rejected claims 5 and 15 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson* in view of *Nelson, et al.* (U.S. 6,061,966). The Examiner further rejected claims 8, 10, 16, 18 and 22 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson* in view of *English, et al.* (U.S. 6,067,233). The Examiner also rejected claim 13 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson* in view of *Thiede, et al.* The Examiner further rejected claims 21 and 24 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson* in view of *Erickson* (U.S. 3,659,319). Applicants submit that claims 1-19 and 21-24, as amended, are patentable over the cited prior art, taken alone or in combination.

Independent claim 1, as amended, requires a wall mount cabinet 22 comprising a rear section 36 having a top side 42, a bottom side 44 and a first side 48 between the top

side 42 and the bottom side 44. The rear section 36 includes a cutout area 66 extending from the first side 48 along a portion of the top side 42, and the cutout area 66 allows access for cables 28 to enter the cabinet 22. The cabinet 22 also includes a front section 34 hingedly connected to the rear section 36 at a pivot point 38 (see Fig. 9) adjacent the cutout area 66. The cutout area 66 allows the cables 28 to rotate about the pivot point 38 when the cabinet 22 is moved from a closed position to an open position (see Fig. 11).

As described in specification paragraph [0032], and as shown in Figs. 5 and 10, rear section 36 has a cutout area 66 extending from the right side 48 along a portion of the top side 42. When cabinet 22 is in a closed position, cutout area 66 is vertically aligned with hinged duct 26, as best seen in Fig. 12, to allow cables 28 to pass vertically therethrough into cabinet 22. Cutout area 66 allows cables 28 to be installed without having to thread cables 28 through an opening or a knockout. As best seen in Figs. 9 and 11, pivot point 38 is located adjacent cutout area 66. The proximity of pivot point 38 to cutout area 66 minimizes movement of cables 28 when cabinet 22 is moved from the closed position to the open position, as cables 28 rotate about pivot point 38. As shown in Fig. 13, when cabinet 22 is moved from the closed position to the open position, cables 28 are displaced within hinged duct 26 as cables 28 rotate about pivot point 38.

Contrary to the Examiner's contention, *Thiede* does not disclose, teach or suggest a wall mount cabinet. In fact, *Thiede* discloses an air-conditioner cover, which Applicants submit is not analogous to a wall mount cabinet. Moreover, *Thiede* does not disclose, teach or suggest **a rear section 36 including a cutout area 66 extending from the first side 48 along a portion of the top side 42, wherein the cutout area 66 allows access**

for cables 28 to enter the cabinet 22. Even if cover C is Applicants' "rear section," top wall 10 does not have a cutout area, let alone a cutout area extending from side wall panel P1 or P2 along a portion of top wall 10. Because top wall 10 does not have a cutout area, top wall 10 does not allow access for cables to enter the cabinet. In fact, *Thiede* does not contemplate cables entering or exiting the air-conditioner cover. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over *Thiede*. Claims 2-10 are asserted to be allowable based on their dependency from allowable claim 1.

Hansson does not disclose, teach or suggest a rear section including a cutout area extending from a first side along a portion of the top side. *Hansson* discloses openings 20 positioned along the middle of the lower edge 22 of door 13. Regardless of whether openings 20 are positioned along lower edge 22 or upper edge (not numbered) of door 13, openings 20 do not extend from the first side (side closest mounting screw 27 in Fig. 2) along a portion of the top or bottom side of door 13. As clearly shown in Fig. 2, left-most opening 22 extends from a flange (not numbered), which is positioned inward from the left side along lower edge 22. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over *Hansson*. Claims 2-10 are asserted to be allowable based on their dependency from allowable claim 1.

Independent claim 11, as amended, requires a wall mount cabinet 22 comprising a rear section 36 having a top side 42, a bottom side 44 and a first side 48 between the top side 42 and the bottom side 44. The rear section 36 includes a cutout area 66 extending from the first side 48 along a portion of the top side 42. The cabinet 22 also includes a front section 34 hingedly connected to the rear section 36, with the front section 34 having

a cable management ring 112 secured thereon. When the cabinet 22 is in a closed position, the cable management ring 112 is vertically aligned with the cutout area 66.

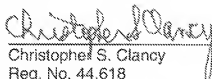
As discussed above, *Hansson* does not disclose, teach or suggest a rear section including a cutout area extending from a first side along a portion of the top side. *Hansson* discloses openings 20 extending from a flange positioned inward from the left side of lower edge 22. Moreover, *Hansson* does not disclose, teach or suggest a front section having a cable management ring secured thereon. The Examiner contends that *Hansson* discloses a front section having a cable management ring (A) secured thereon. However, *Hansson* only discloses a cable tie (not numbered) secured to tie bracket 23, and Applicants submit that a cable tie is not a cable management ring. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 11, as amended, is patentable over *Hansson*. Claims 12-19 and 21-24 are asserted to be allowable based on their dependency from allowable claim 11.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that claims 1-19 and 21-24 are allowable, and favorable reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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